

Oarsmen Are Happy Over Condition of Course for National Regatta, Which Opens Today

OARSMEN CHEERED BY BIG CROWDS ALONG SPEEDWAY

Ideal Water Conditions Mark Opening Day of National Regatta.

POTOMAC CREWS IN HARD RACES

Washington Sweep Rowers Attract Much Attention in Three of the Contests.

With ideal water conditions, practically no wind and with a large throng to cheer the oarsmen in the contests for the international championships, which go with victories today and tomorrow, the national regatta was opened most auspiciously on the lower Potomac this afternoon.

Night variable winds, with a tendency toward blowing across the course were too weak to trouble the waters off the Speedway, leaving the only possible feature that might be objected to the heat, which was most oppressive to the men from the North, particularly those of Canada.

Although practically all of the oarsmen were quartered here by noon yesterday, train after train brought hundreds of rowing enthusiasts here today and, according to Secretary Fortmeyer, the largest throng of visitors that has attended a national regatta in years will be here in time for the second day's sport tomorrow.

Seventy-four clubs, representing thirty-six clubs of eighteen cities, make the new record for the organization, which is considered to be the most powerful rowing institution ever formed. Not only in number of oarsmen, but in quality of rowing, the fields are generally believed by the experts here to be about the classiest that has ever reported to a clerk of the course.

Crews Are Unknown.

As the territory from which the crews are enlisted extends from Minnesota to Louisiana and from Massachusetts to Missouri, attempting to pick the winners in the majority of the races is mere sophistry. Except since arriving here yesterday and today before, most of the crews have never been seen in action at once by the hundreds of enthusiasts who followed their favorites thousands of miles in hopes of seeing them win the most coveted of all trophies in aquatic.

The committee has so arranged matters that neither day has an advantage over the other in the matter of attraction, and in order to thoroughly appreciate the regatta it was necessary to be present on both afternoons. For this afternoon there are seven events on the program, which opened at 3 o'clock, with half-hour intervals between races.

Of this card the most interesting number is when nine crews go to their boats to row in the senior international four-oared race. This large field represents what is about the best matched set of crews in the whole regatta, and among them are the favorites of the spectators from Esby's point, which marks the start to the Highway Bridge, where the finish will be. This race will be a mighty battle. In this race the Potomacs will be represented by a picked four.

Potomacs In Races.

In both of the other two most important races of today the Red and White of the local club will be seen when Giendon's proteges back up to the mark in the junior eight and again in the intermediate eight.

The races during the regatta are one mile and a quarter straightaway along the Speedway course except the quarter mile race, which is a half mile. The second event on today's program. The other races today are the intermediate four, intermediate doubles and scull races.

The demand for seats on barges and launches was so heavy that the supply was practically exhausted long before the first race started.

A limited number of invitations were extended by the officials last night and the barges and launches were taken from the District end of the Highway bridge on launches.

Will Stop Boats.

Numerous parties left the upper river club houses, but warnings were sent out by the officials last night that all of these had to start in time in order that they would be able to reach the outside of the course and anchor before the gun was fired for the start of the first race.

Extra cars on the Alexandria and Mt. Vernon line left Twelfth and the Arlington line left at 1 o'clock and the left off passengers at the bridge, from which an excellent view of the regatta may be obtained.

The course is policed by the revenue cutters Apache and Onondago, under Capt. J. M. Moore, while barges and launches that no conditions would be allowed to go on the course before the beginning of the races each day.

In order that there could be no obstruction to the view of those on the Speedway, no craft of any sort was allowed between the boundary of the course and the District sea wall. The Marine Band will give a popular concert at the bandstand at the finish line, and by far the greatest throng viewed the sport from this point.

Water In Good Condition.

When the committee in charge of the regatta decided to hold the affair on the Speedway course, instead of on the stretch alongside of Georgetown, one of the greatest fears was that should a heavy wind blow the course would be so ruffled that good rowing would be an impossibility. The course is not sheltered in any direction and the arrangements were made for a shift to the upper course in case of rough water.

Today when the oarsmen began to get out at the Potomac, the weather was a happy smile from the coaches. While the wind was indeed to blow toward the southwest, which was up the course, and was the only handicap, but this was not strong enough to interfere with the crews, and no trouble was expected from rough water either today or tomorrow.

Convention Tonight.

The annual convention of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will be held at the Arlington this evening at 8:30 o'clock, with President James Pilkington in the chair. The most important business will be the election of officers. The official regulations and the classification of oarsmen for the regatta are as follows:

All races will be one and one-quarter mile straightaway.

Crews and scullers must positively be

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on the line at time stated in program or races will be started without them, and they disqualified.

All crews and scullers must be properly costumed with rowing shirts and trunks of their respective clubs. Each and every sculler and boatman will be provided with a can which must be worn throughout the race. This is imperative and will be insisted upon.

Crews number from the District to the Virginia shore, and may be distinguished by the color of the boat, which corresponds with the number as follows:

No. 1—Red.
No. 2—White.
No. 3—Blue.
No. 4—Orange.
No. 5—Black.
No. 6—Red and white.
No. 7—Red and blue.
No. 8—Orange and black.
No. 9—Green.
No. 10—Brown.
No. 11—Blue and white.

The colors of the first and second crews, as they finish in each race, will be shown on the Augusta. Also the time of winning crew.

The races will be rowed from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. on Friday, and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. on Saturday.

The prizes will be awarded at the Arlington Hotel at 8 p. m., Saturday, August 13.

All visiting oarsmen arriving in town should present their certificates, as well as excursion tickets, to Fredrick R. Fortmeyer, secretary, at the Arlington Hotel, Lafayette square, Saturday morning, August 13, at 10 o'clock, in order to have them validated by the railway's special agent. This is important and should be promptly attended to by all visitors.

Classes of Oarsmen.

A junior sculler is one who has never won a scull race.

A junior oarsman is one who has never been a winning oarsman in a race.

An intermediate sculler is one who has never won an intermediate or senior scull race.

An intermediate oarsman is one who has never been a winning oarsman in an intermediate or senior race.

The "Association Senior Sculler's" race shall be confined to scullers who have never held the "championship," or who have never won this race.

The "Championship senior sculler's" race shall be open to all duly qualified senior scullers.

The winner of "Association Senior Sculler's" race shall be entitled to row in the "Championship Senior Sculler's" race without a formal entry, or the payment of an entrance fee.

A winning oarsman in any other intercollegiate race is an intermediate.

Regatta Officials.

Umpire—James Pilkington, president N. A. A. O.

Starter—First day—Henry P. Burke, executive committee, N. A. A. O.

Second day—John E. Nagle, Harlem Rowing Club, New York.

Timers—Sir A. Claude MacDonald, M. P., president of C. A. A. O. of Toronto, Canada; Peter Taylor, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Fred R. Fortmeyer, secretary of N. A. A. O.; James S. Flanagan, Vesper Boat Club, Philadelphia; Robert C. Kammeyer, N. Y. A. C.; W. A. Cameron, president of Ottawa Rowing Club, C. A. A. O.

Judges—Charles W. Preisendanz, executive committee, N. A. A. O.; Hon. James G. Tighe, executive committee, N. A. A. O.; Capt. John Wilson, of Toronto Rowing Club, C. A. A. O.; Richard Sturke, of the Nonpareil Boat Club, New York; R. E. L. Williamson, of Ariel Boat Club, Baltimore; M. Thomas, of Arundel Boat Club, Baltimore.

Clerk of Course—Major Douglas Spencer Ellis, "Potomac."

Assistant Clerk of Course—Mr. Louis A. Fischer—"Analoetan."

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WILL ORGANIZE NEW ROWING ASSOCIATION

Oarsmen Confident Southern Organization Will Be a Reality in Near Future.

Oarsmen of this section who are here for the national regatta are today confident that the proposed Southern Rowing Association will soon be a reality.

Rodrick W. Thomas, commodore of the Patuxent navy, who was authorized by the clubs of Baltimore to work the matter up, was busy last night at the Arlington explaining to the different delegates just what Baltimore would like to do in bringing about the organization of the association to include all clubs in these parts.

"Thus far we have every reason to believe that we will have no great difficulty in perfecting an organization," said Mr. Thomas, this morning.

"I have written to every club in this section of the country, and the only one which is not strong for the idea is the Potomac, and we have not yet given up hopes of getting that club in line. The association will have in New England and the Middle States. It would not only result in better crews, but would bring about a decided revival of interest in rowing in the District, Virginia, and Maryland."

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CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Cornell Company	15	5	.750
Aloysius	17	6	.739
Sewage Pumping Sta.	12	10	.545
Navy Yard	9	11	.450
Midways	7	12	.364
Kenilworth	4	18	.182

Game today—Aloysius vs. Navy Yard at First and M streets northeast.

Yesterday's result—Aloysius, 2; Cornell Company, 2.

Aloysius and Cornell Company battled hard for the pennant yesterday, but after the eighth inning had been played, with the score still standing 2 to 2, Umpire Betts called the game.

Talbot Lynch, the little Aloysius twirler, was proclaimed the chief hero of them all. Had Lynch not been accorded better support, he would have shut the Tigers out for both Cornell's runs came over the plate on the clubmen's errors. While Lynch did not have as many strike-outs as Buscher, he did a far better game in regard to headwork and control, and his stop of Marcour's hot drive was the fielding feature of the day.

The largest crowd that ever entered Capital City Park witnessed the game, and from the comments that were heard after the last man had been retired it could be judged that the majority were in favor of playing the contest over.

Umpire Betts' good work was commented upon by all present. In so important a contest with close plays constantly coming up, it was almost unbelievable that not a kick should be registered.

Mickey Kellher had a peculiar record at the bat. The first time he came up he drove the ball over the fence for a homer, scoring Hurley ahead of him. Then in the fourth with men on second and third, and only a clean hit needed to put the game on ice, Mickey knowingly fanned. On his other trip to the plate with the sacks vacated Kellher singled, but the hit was wasted as the following batters could not get the ball out of the infield.

Connie Doyle was present in uniform, but as he has not played for over three weeks, Manager O'Connor did not want to take a chance on him, and Connie warmed the bench.

NOTRE DAME'S HOPES.

Notre Dame University expects to carry off the Conference title again this year. The only real loss that the team will mourn will be Mack, the young quarterback. The latter is a son of Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, and as he has been playing minor league baseball, he will be barred from the team.

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STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Auditors	10	1	.909
Traffic	10	3	.769
Operating	4	8	.333
Law	4	8	.333
Bookkeepers	2	8	.200
Treasurers	2	8	.200

Yesterday's result—Traffic, 6; Bookkeepers, 2.

Traffic defeated the Bookkeepers yesterday by a hot tally in the eighth inning when they scored four runs, the final count being 6 to 2. The game was one of the best of the season and for eight innings the winner was in doubt. The eighth inning proved a Waterloo for the Bookkeepers and Traffic shoved four tallies over the rubber and clinched the game.

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The fans will see another good game this afternoon when the Auditors and Southeast Y. M. C. A. play. Old "Horse" Flynn and Beavers will probably work for the Southeasters, while Quattrini and Fitzgerald will compose the battery for the Canaries.

Herald took a terrific game from the Southeast Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, by 1 to 0, and copped the pennant in the league. It was a remarkable game for amateur baseball, and Manager Charles Graff deserves much credit for collecting such a fast bunch of ball players.

Elmer Smith, a youngster who has all the earmarks of making good in fast company some day, pitched a no-hit game for the Herald, and then won his own game in the last round with a single to left, which scored Crabble, who had made a three-bagger to right, for the winning run of the game. This is a record which will not be equaled for a long time. He also fanned four men and got one assist to his credit.

Old "Horse" Flynn, who was on the firing line for the Southeast nine, was in rare form, and held his opponents hitless until the sixth, when Third Baseman Gill singled to left, but it did not prove costly, as he was caught out second, which made the third out in that inning. He also fanned five men and handled two hard chances in splendid fashion.

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